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Per reftel, Econoffs delivered talking points to the Head State Counsellor, Radmila Valickova, and Director of Air Transport, Jan Breja at the Ministry of Transportation. The GOS is in general agreement with all five positions detailed in reftel. The Slovaks surprisingly do not agree with the common European opinion that planes flying in European airspace should be charged a greenhouse gas emissions fee. Breja and Valickova explained that Slovakia wishes to encourage air travel and is against any taxes or extra charges that might result in higher prices.

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